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1. THE REGION HAS BEEN ADVISED BY HQS THAT PROGRAMMED TDY SPECIAL AGENTS FROM OTHER REGIONS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OPERATION FUNNEL. IN CONSIDERATION OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, THE CRO HAS HAD TO REEVALUATE THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED OPERATIONAL PLANS VIS A VIS THE CURRENT AVAILABILITY OF MANPOWER IN THIS REGION. AT THE PRESENT TIME, REGION 18 IS STAFFED WITH 16 SUPERVISORS AND 27 AGENTS, A TOTAL OF 43 INVESTIGATIVE PERSONNEL 15 OF WHICH ARE ASSIGNED TO OPERATION FUNNEL COUNTRIES. FIVE AGENTS OF THE 43 SPEAK PORTUGUESE AND NOT SPANISH. OF THE REMAINING 38, FIVE AGENTS ARE PENDING TRANSFERS THIS QUARTER AND SIX MORE AGENTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR HOME LEAVE. INASMUCH AS THE REGION HAS 14 SEPARATE OFFICES, THIS WOULD MEAN WE PRESENTLY HAVE AN AVERAGE OF 2-3 AGENTS PER OFFICE AVAILABLE FOR ROUTINE AND DAILY ACTIVITIES.

2. THE REGION CONSIDERS OPERATION FUNNEL A VERY IMPORTANT AND HIGH PRIORITY PROJECT. HOWEVER, WITHOUT THE PROGRAMMED TDY ASSISTANCE THE REGION CANNOT ADEQUATELY SUPPORT THE MANPOWER REQUIREMENT OF THIS OPERATION IN THE FIELD. THEREFORE, THE FOUR DOS INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION SHOULD MODIFY THEIR

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OPERATIONAL PLANS TO CONDUCT THIS PROGRAM WITHOUT ADDITIONAL

ASSISTANCE, RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF THEIR HOST COUNTRY
POLICE OFFICIALS WHEN POSSIBLE, AND IN CONFORMITY WITH
AMENDMENT TO SECTION F OF DEA FOREIGN GUIDELINES.

3. THE REGION HAS ALSO BEEN INFORMED THAT S/NM HAS APPOINTED
MR. HOWARD GROOM AS THEIR TECHNICAL ADVISOR FOR OPERATION
FUNNEL. REGION 18 HAD PREVIOUSLY PLANNED TO ESTABLISH A
COMMAND CENTER IN CARACAS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN STAFFED BY THE
REGIONAL COORDINATOR AND REPRESENTATIVES OF EOIS AND MCTA. IN
ORDER NOT TO CREATE CONFUSION AND DUPLICATE THE COORDINATION
EFFORT, THE CRO SUGGESTS THAT MR. GROOM OPERATE OUT OF THE
COMMAND POST IN CARACAS.

4. THE CRO REALIZES THAT THESE INSTRUCTIONS REQUIRE CHANGES TO
THE VARIOUS OPERATIONAL PLANS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED AND APPROVED,
HOWEVER, THE UNAVAILABILITY OF MAN POWER ASSISTANCE, ADHERANCE TO
THE DEA FOREIGN GUIDELINES AMENDMENT AND THE S/NM TECHNICAL
ADVISOR ROLE MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE
INCEPTION OF THIS PROGRAM. PLEASE BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS
REVISED OPERATIONAL PLANS AT THE TRI-COUNTRY CONFERENCE IN
BOGOTA NEXT WEEK. FROM BACHRACH.
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